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1. ON JULY 20 THE EMBASSY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM FOREIGN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR SKWARA, MINISTRY OF MINING, SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF THE STATUS OF COAL-RESEARCH PROPOSALS UNDER ERDA REVIEW. SKWARA REITERATED THE MINISTRY'S WILLINGNESS TO SEND A GROUP OF POLISH REPRESENTATIVES AS INDICATED IN REFERENCES A AND B. HOWEVER, THE MINISTRY NOW SEEKS ASSURANCE THAT DURING THE VISIT TO THE U.S. THE POLISH DELEGATION AND ERDA WILL BE ABLE TO REACH FINAL AGREEMENT ON THE ENTIRE COAL-RESEARCH PROGRAM.

2. SKWARA ALSO INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT DELAYS IN REACHING AN AGREEMENT ARE CAUSING HARDSHIPS IN THE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH AT THE CNETRAL MINING INSTITUTE AND OTHER ASSOCIATED FACILITIES.

3. ON JULY 23 THE SCIATT ACKNOWLEDGED SKWARA'S LETTER AND PASSED TO HIM, IN WRITING, THE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENTS OF GOUSES'S LATEST CABLE (P 151403Z JUL 76) VIA COORINATOR KAHANEK.

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4. KAHANEK EXPRESSED STRONG DISSATISFACTION THAT ERDA

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AVOIDS DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH THE MINISTRY IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO PROPOSAL REVIEW AND COMMENTARY. HE SAID THAT MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND COAL-RESEARCH SPECIALISTS WOULD PREFER A DETAILED REVIEW OF THE MHD PROPOSAL AND ERDA'S COMMENTS IN WRITING. KAHANEK PROMISED TO INFORM THE SCIATT OF THE MINISTRY'S REACTION TO ERDA'S COMMENTS IN A FEW DAYS.

5. THE SCIATT REQUESTS CLARIFICATION OF GOUSE'S SUGGESTION THAT $430,000 BE USED TO FINANCE AMERICAN AS WELL AS POLISH TRAVEL. THE EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE CURRENT AGREEMENT COVERING TRAVEL APPLIES TO ALL FIVE POLISH PROPOSALS ON COAL LIQUEFACTION. THIS MEANS THAT THE $430,000 IS ALREADY SCHEDULED TO BE USED TO FINANCE TRAVEL OF BOTH AMERICAN AND POLISH SCIENTISTS, SINCE THE TRAVEL WOULD BE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND/OR IS IN CONNECTION WITH U.S.-FUNDED ACTIVITIES.

6. THERE IS, AS YET, NO AGREEMENT COVERING TRAVEL IN CONNECTION WITH POLISH FUNDED ACTIVITIES. IN THIS CONNECTION ERDA'S APPREHENSIONS CONCERNING TRAVEL ASSOCIATED WITH THE MHD PROJECT ARE INDEED VALID.

7. RECENTLY, THE U.S. POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL WAS CONVEYED FORMALLY TO THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AS PER REFERENCE C, AND THE POLISH REPLY WAS TRANSMITTED UNDER REFERENCE D. THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT ERDA CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE TAKING FURTHER ACTION.
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